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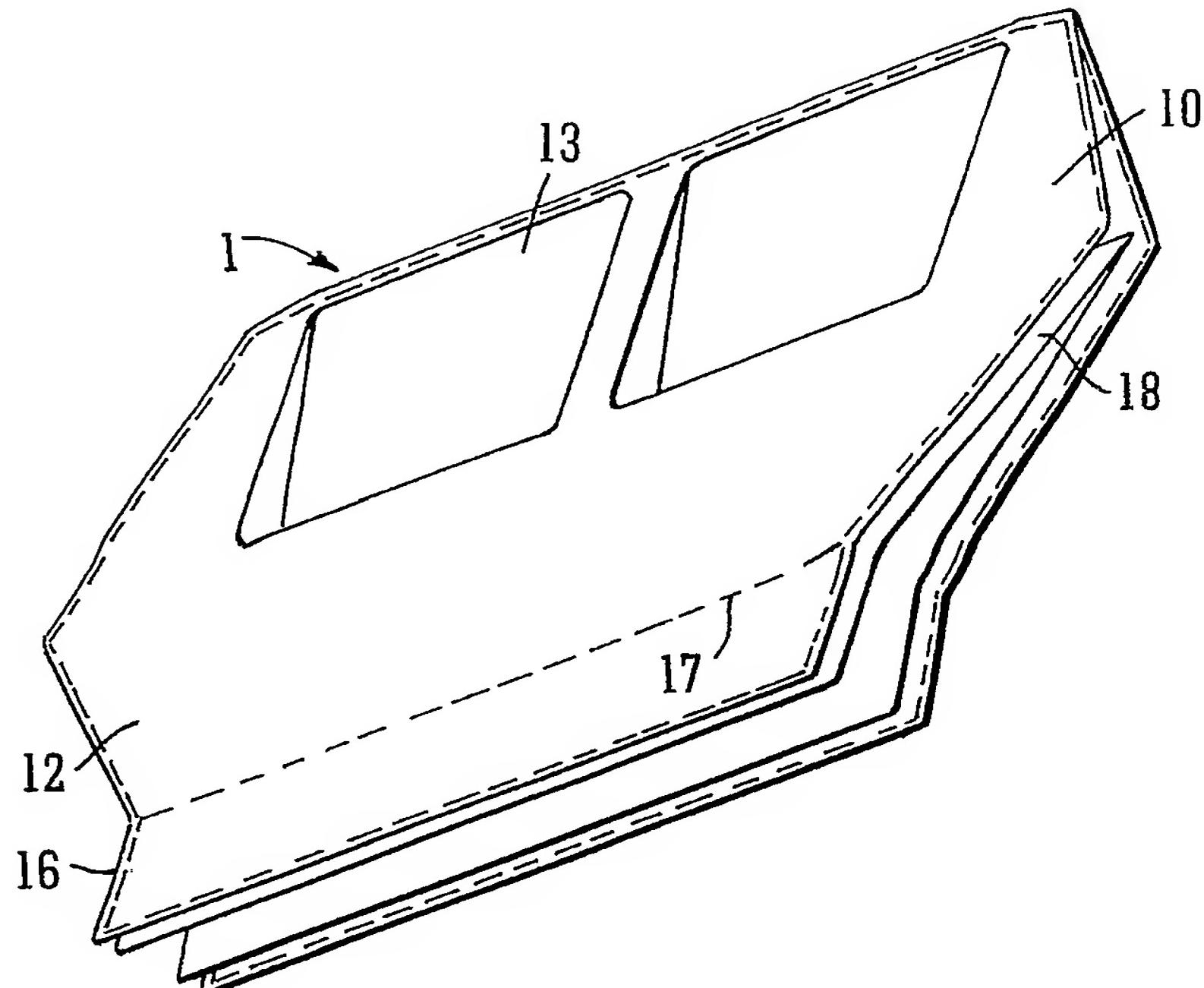
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(57) Abstract: An inflatable sterile enclosure (1) is disclosed comprising a flexible membrane (18) and at least a pair of rigid or semi-rigid panels (13) which are arranged to pivot outwardly relative to one another on each side of the enclosure (1) as it is inflated. At least one of the panels (13) is transparent and provides a window. The enclosure (1) is preferably inflatable by a pressurised gas source. The flexible membrane (18) may comprise a plurality of support members arranged to define a support frame for the enclosure when erected. The support members may themselves be inflatable. Peripheral sterile enclosures and surgical docks or drapes comprising bactericidal substances are also disclosed.

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